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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Londra C Burge

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Original application filed 6/25/2001.
2. Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. **The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:**

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel et al. (herein after Ferrel) U.S. Patent No. 6,199,082 B1 filed 7/17/1995 in view of Jones et al. (herein after Jones) U.S. Patent No. 6,516,324 B1 filed 6/1/2000.**

In regard to independent claim 1, Ferrel discloses *An information-providing server comprising: communication element which receives page setup information (Ferrel Col 39 Lines 33-40 i.e. page setup), which ...information which indicate a layout of said single page (Ferrel Col 8 Lines 39-40 i.e. displayed to a single screen and Figure 8), from a terminal via a network, and transmits said web page to said terminal via network (Ferrel Col 64 Lines 34-36 i.e. network). A registration element, which registers said page setup information (Ferrel Col 55 Lines 46-58); and a page generation element, which generates said single page based on said page setup information. (Ferrel Col 39 Lines 33-40 i.e. page setup and Col 8 Lines 39-40 i.e. displayed to a single screen).*

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Ferrel does not mention wherein the page setup *includes addresses of web pages* which a user intends to integrate into a single page. However, Jones mentions and displays a web page link, which can be chosen (Jones Col 13 Lines 35-40 and Figure 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply Jones to Ferrel, providing Ferrel the benefit of having the option on selected different web links to be displayed on a single browser which would make it easier for the user to navigate through the selected pages and not have to search numerous browsers.

In regard to dependent claim 4, ^{2-SEP} Ferrel discloses *wherein said communication element receives the number of said web page from said terminal, transmits layout images said terminal based on number, and receives information indicating the layout image selected by said terminal as a layout of said single page.* (Ferrel Col 31 Lines 26-60 i.e. receive pages for layout Col 34 Lines 33-67 and Col 35 Lines 1-20 i.e. page layout process and Figure 8)

In regard to independent claims 3 and 5, claims 3 and 5 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale.

A *network* (Ferrel Col 64 Lines 34-36 i.e. network), a *terminal* (Ferrel Col 4 Lines 55-60) and a *server* (Ferrel Col 11 Lines 55-58)

In regard to dependent claim 4, claim 4 reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 2 and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 6, claim 6 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale.

A *network* (Ferrel Col 64 Lines 34-36 i.e. network), a *terminal* (Ferrel Col 4 Lines 55-60) and a *server* (Ferrel Col 11 Lines 55-58)

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Conclusion

5. **The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.**

Uchida	U.S. Patent No. 6,289,361 B1	issued	9/11/2001
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Nolting	U.S. Patent No. 6,718,308 B1	issued	4/6/2004
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is 703-305-8784. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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7/2/2004


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